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The Duke Endowment Names New Program Officer

CHARLOTTE, NC – The Rev. Kristen R. Richardson-Frick has joined The Duke Endowment as a program officer in the Rural Church program area.

Richardson-Frick, an ordained elder in the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, has served as a senior pastor at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Orangeburg, S.C., and at Wagener and Swansea United Methodist churches in Wagener and Swansea, S.C. She was an associate pastor at Grace United Methodist Church in North Augusta, S.C., and a University Chapel intern at Duke University. Richardson-Frick received a Master of Divinity degree from Duke and a bachelor’s degree from Wofford College.

A certified ministry coach, Richardson-Frick is a member of several academic, professional and community organizations. Her involvement with the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church has included chair of the Committee on Episcopacy and chair of the Orangeburg District Committee on Congregational Development.

Through its Rural Church grants, The Duke Endowment aims to develop rural United Methodist churches in North Carolina, support their clergy and lay leaders and expand church outreach. As a program officer, Richardson-Frick will evaluate grant requests and help present grant recommendations to the Endowment’s board of trustees. She’ll also participate in site visits and consult with grantees as they prepare their requests.

The Duke Endowment, in Charlotte, N.C., seeks to fulfill the legacy of its founder, James B. Duke, by improving lives and communities in the Carolinas through higher education, health care, rural churches and children’s services. The Endowment has awarded more than \$2.9 billion in grants since its inception in 1924.

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